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We delivered reftel points to Darius Staniulis, head of the MFA's Human Rights and NGOs Division, on July 5. Staniulis, who attended the recent UNHRC meetings, felt that the virtual clean slates given to Belarus and Cuba as well as the focus on Israel were unfortunate. He thought, however, that those concessions by "Western" countries were part of a compromise that may facilitate a more effective HRC due to procedural advances, to which countries usually soft on human rights conceded as their part of the compromise. He added that, because of Chairman de Alba's poor management, "sometimes countries didn't know what was happening."

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